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Subject: Clear Channel Concern

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I am writing this brief note as a private citizen (not as a part of an organized group or campaign) concerned about the effects of Clear Channel Entertainment's dominance of the Southern California FM radio market on the traditionally diverse and open people's airwaves.

The primary basis for my concern is the fact that Clear Channel operates several popular FM radio stations in the Los Angeles area (KILS FM, KYSR FM, KOST FM, KBIG FM, etc.) and it appears as though the commercial breaks are synchronized to occur simultaneously between stations. In other words, switching from one Clear Channel station to another to avoid commercials more often than not leads to another commercial period than if you had switched to a non-Clear Channel station.

My professional background says this is good business sense you present a unified package of companies to an advertiser and point out that the negative effect of listeners switching channels is minimized with the dominant Clear Channel family. My libertarian side, however, thinks this may be a direct manipulation of the people's airwaves a simple business act that limits my listening choice as well as places other stations at a competitive disadvantage.

My hope is that the FCC, with its wealth of experts and public funding, is able to scientifically quantify what I have observed over the past few years and take action to address it. I believe that if large corporations are going to be allowed to own several stations in a single market, that they must operate these stations openly, fairly and always in the best interest of the public.

Thank you for your time

Bruce Moreau
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From: saundcj@NU.COM
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Dear Mr. Copps,

I deeply share your concerns about cross ownership of media in the same communities and strongly urge you to continue to oppose it. The media is already used as a propaganda machine by its powerful owners through selective reporting. Cross ownership would result in only one biased point of view being presented and greatly facilitate further indoctrination and control of the public.

Chris Saunders
Southington, Connecticut

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From: Claire Shupe
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 12:52 PM
Subject: Media Restrictions - Comment

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Dear Mr. Copps:

I am unable to attend the hearing at Duke University today, but wish to voice my opinion.

Last month I stopped listening to the radio. I enjoy music and have radios in every room in my house as well as at work and in the car. All were tuned to the local station (106.1) that played the type of music I love. No matter where I was, there was a radio on.

Last year the station I had listened to for the nine years I've lived here changed formats. They still played the same kind of music, but switched to an anti-women, conservative right format where the **DJ's**, commercials and station promo's were insulting and offensive. The station is owned by Clear Channel.

I spent several weeks trying to find another station to listen to. I did finally find one other station that didn't come in quite as well, but played the kind of music I like. Unfortunately, they also switched to the same offensive format, and they are also owned by Clear Channel.

In desperation I started listening to a different station that plays music I can stand. Not music I love, but at least I can listen to it. Last month they also began some promo's that I find offensive, and the DJ's are getting bad too. You guessed it, the station is owned by Clear Channel.

Clear Channel already has too much control over my listening area. The last thing they need is access to other media. It is frustrating that I can't just tune my radio to another station and hear music I enjoy without the political overtones and offensive humor. Where is the country heading? Soon we will have the equivalent of TASS, some enormous media entity that will have control of everything we see, hear or read in our local area.

I would like to **see** the FCC enact some regulations to limit the number of radio stations a company can own within a **geographic/listening** area. I have made the choice to not listen, but I miss having music in my life and would much prefer to have a choice of radio stations to listen to.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read my comments.

Sincerely,
Claire Tortora Shupe
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From: southona@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 1:32 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

As a parent, I am concerned about the current and future state of children's television. The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in **less** original programming for children

Mr. Rogers served as an advocate for children, attempting to model appropriate tv production and content for children. Now, after his death, we as parents need your help advocating for respecting children, nurturing their self-esteem, and not talking down to them. We want quality programming for children on network, cable, and public tv, with real, observable and measurable educational impact.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Amy Southon
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Naperville, Illinois 60540

cc:
Senator Richard Durbin
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From: Steve Alleman
To: Mike Powell
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Thanks you for your time.

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From: Kristina Boerger
To: KathleenAbernathy
Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 4:56 PM
Subject: Open airwaves

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I am one citizen aware that the conglomerates controlling the preponderance of our airwaves are blacklisting voices that communicate -- or have been interpreted as communicating -- a message that opposes war.

For SHAME!! Freedom of expression begins at home, and I am writing to urge you to reopen the airwaves.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristina Boerger

From: Fogel, Jerise
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 6:51 PM
Subject: Stop the Censorship of our Airwaves

Dear Mr. Copps.

The stations of the largest two companies in the U.S. currently get 42% of the radio audience of the U.S.

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Yours truly,

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Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 7:53 PM
Subject: liberty of the airwaves

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From: Ronald D. Rex
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 7:54 PM
Subject: Please Consider

Please do the job the FCC exists to accomplish and clean up television programming. Not only is much (most) of the programming indecent and sick, it violates the law the FCC exists to enforce. Not only is it inappropriate for children and teens, it is an insult and offensive to adults who have any kind of standards of decency. Because of all the smut, our TV is rarely turned on, except for the news, weather, sports and an occasional nature show. If you don't do your job more effectively, the **U.S.** culture will continue its rapid slide into the gutter or cesspool. The entertainment industry of zero sense of decency. The FCC must do a much better job of forcing them to clean up their act. The majority of **us** do not want and are offended by the vast majority of programming. Even potentially good programs are ruined because of the smut they are driven to put into it.

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Please help roll back the provisions of the Telecommunications Act that puts the power of telemedia in the hands of a relative handful of (usually ultra-conservative) owners. ie. Clear Channel Communications, Cumulus, and other such ownership groups.

Thank you for your help in making it possible for all citizens to be represented by the telemedia.

Renee Brochester, Providence, Rhode Island

CC: KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy

From: Rosanne Brighton
Date: Mon, Mar 31, 2003 10:15 PM
Subject: people's airwaves

Please, please, please!!! We are a nation of opinionated people. Let our opinions be heard once more. Please re-open the people's airwaves. Before we "carry democracy" to Iraq, let's bring democracy to the United States! Let's stop big corporate giants from owning all of our media!

Opinions contrary to that of our government are prevalent, yet the media -- especially TV and Radio stations play only the party line opinion. That's not truly reflecting the views of the citizens. Help us get real information on the air so people can make democratic choices in their lives.

Thanks for your time,
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From: Charles Alvarez
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Dear Commissioner Powell:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Powell, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

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